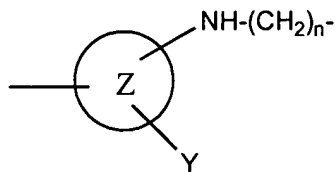
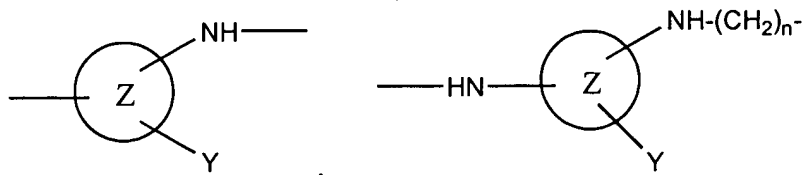


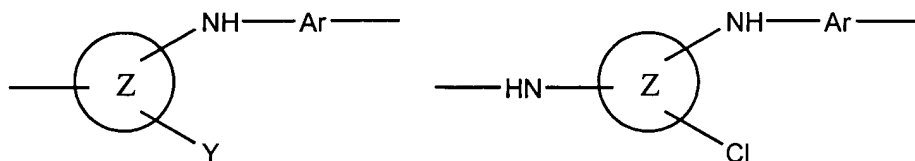
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A reactive dye compound comprising:
- (a) at least one chromophore moiety
 - (b) at least one $\text{SO}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ group which is attached to the chromophoric moiety either directly via the sulphur atom of the $\text{SO}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ group or via a linking group L;
- ~~characterised in that at least one $\text{SO}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ group is substituted on its terminal carbon atom with at least one Y group wherein Y is a phosphonate or borate derivative, preferably the phosphonate derivative is selected from phosphonates having the formula: $-\text{O}-(\text{P}=\text{O})(\text{OH})\text{R}'$ wherein R' is any suitable nucleophilic moiety which is not OH.~~
- wherein L is a linking group selected from:
- NH , $(\text{CH}_2)_n$, $\text{N}-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{N}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{-N}$, NR (R is C1-C4 alkyl)



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wherein Ar is an aryl group, preferably benzene;

wherein Y is a phosphonate or borate derivative, under the proviso that if the phosphonate derivative is selected from phosphonates having the formula:

-O-(P=O)(OH)R' wherein R' is any suitable nucleophilic moiety, R' is not OH;

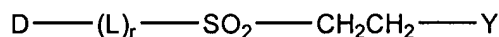
wherein Z is a nitrogen-containing heterocycle;

wherein n is an integer of from 1 to 4;

wherein the dye compound is further characterized in that at least one SO₂C₂H₄ group is substituted on its terminal carbon atom with at least one Y group;

and salts thereof.

2. (Original) A reactive dye compound according to Claim 1 wherein Y is derived from aceto phosphonic acid.
3. (Currently amended) A reactive dye compound having the formula (I):



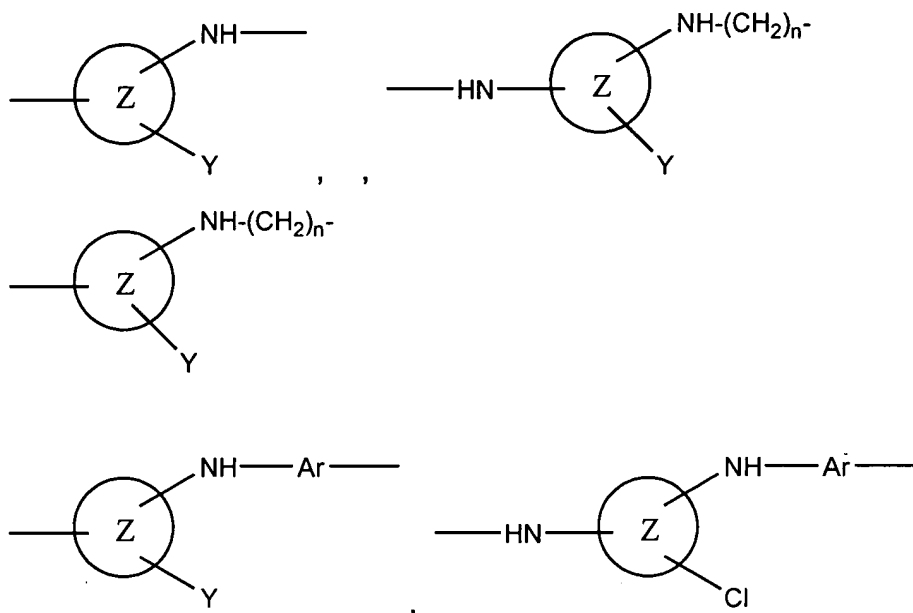
wherein: D is a chromophore group;

r is 0 or 1, preferably 0,

L is a linking group selected from:

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NH, (CH₂)_n, N-(CH₂)_nN, -(CH₂)_n-N, NR (R is C1-C4 alkyl)



wherein Ar is an aryl group, preferably benzene, ~~Y is as defined above, ;~~
wherein Y is a phosphonate or borate derivative, under the proviso that if
the phosphonate derivative is selected from phosphonates having the
formula: -O-(P=O)(OH)R' wherein R' is any suitable nucleophilic moiety,
R' is not OH; wherein Z is a nitrogen-containing heterocycle, ; wherein n
is an integer of from 1 to 4;

and salts thereof.

4. (Original) A reactive dye compound according to Claim 3 wherein Z is selected from triazine, pyrimidine, quinoxaline, pyrimidinone, phthalazine, pyridazone and pyrazine.
5. (Previously presented) A reactive dye compound according to Claim 3 wherein r is 0.

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6. (Currently amended) ~~Use of a compound according to Claim 1 for dyeing cellulosic substrates.~~ A method of dyeing a cellulosic substrate, comprising contacting the cellulosic substrate with a compound according to Claim 1.
7. (Currently amended) ~~Use of a compound according to Claim 1 for dyeing wool.~~ A method of dyeing wool, comprising contacting the wool with a compound according to Claim 1.
8. (Currently amended) ~~Use of compound according to Claim 1 for dyeing polyamide substrates.~~ A method of dyeing a polyamide substrate, comprising contacting the polyamide substrate with a compound according to Claim 1.
9. (Currently amended) ~~Use of a compound according to Claim 1 for dyeing silk.~~ A method of dyeing silk, comprising contacting the silk with a compound according to Claim 1.
10. (Currently amended) ~~Use of compound according to Claim 1 for dyeing keratin.~~ A method of dyeing keratin, comprising contacting the keratin with a compound according to Claim 1.
11. (Currently amended) ~~Use of compound according to Claim 1 for dyeing leather.~~ A method of dyeing leather, comprising contacting the leather with a compound according to Claim 1.
12. (Previously presented) A dye composition comprising the compound of Claim 1.

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13. (Original) A dye composition according to Claim 12 wherein the composition is in the form of a solid mixture and further comprises an acid buffer.
14. (Currently amended) A dye composition according to Claim 12 wherein the composition is in the form of a liquid and further comprises water and an acid buffer, wherein the dye composition preferably has a pH from about 2 to about 8.
15. (Currently amended) A dye composition according to Claim 12 wherein the composition is in the form of a paste and further comprises water, thickening agent and an acid buffer, wherein the dye composition preferably has a pH from about 2 to about 8.
16. (Currently amended) A dye composition according to ~~Claim 12~~ Claim 13 wherein the acid buffer is selected from citric acid, malic acid, fumaric acid and maleic acid, and mixtures thereof.
17. (Currently amended) A dye composition according to ~~Claim 12~~ Claim 14 wherein the pH is from about 2 to about 3.
18. (New) A dye composition according to Claim 14 wherein the acid buffer is selected from citric acid, malic acid, fumaric acid and maleic acid, and mixtures thereof.
19. (New) A dye composition according to Claim 15 wherein the acid buffer is selected from citric acid, malic acid, fumaric acid and maleic acid, and mixtures thereof.

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20. (New) A dye composition according to Claim 15 wherein the pH is from about 2 to about 3.